PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To provide ADP assistance and support, on a reimbursable basis, to various GSA organizations. Beginning in FY 1995, such services were funded under the reimbursable portion of the Operating Expenses appropriation, later Policy and Operations.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM

Section 601 of the Economy Act of 1932, as amended, provides basic authorization for reimbursable services to be performed by Government agencies.

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

This program was initiated in FY 1955 under the title "Advances and Reimbursements, Transportation and Communications Service (TCS)," the forerunner of the Automated Data and Telecommunications Service (ADTS), renamed the Information Resources Management Service in 1985.

Until 1972, TCS provided transportation services on a reimbursable basis to the Agency for International Development; to the Office of Emergency Preparedness in connection with the DPA stockpile program; to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Department of Defense for civil defense warehousing programs; and to other agencies as requested for motor vehicle management studies.

In FY 1972, when all government-wide ADP and telecommunications functions were combined into a new Automated Data and Telecommunications Service (ADTS), and all transportation services were transferred to FSS, this program was disestablished.

In FY 1980, ADTS initiated the Agency Liaison Officer (ALO) program, which was designed to provide advice and guidance on policy and regulatory aspects of information processing acquisition and application to selected Federal agencies. Personnel and related costs are directly funded through the appropriation account; associated travel costs are reimbursably financed under this program.

In FY 1982, as a result of the transfers of the records management function from OE, NARS and the internal GSA ADP functions from S&E GMA, reimbursable activities were added for these two areas.

In FY 1984, the title of the parent direct appropriation was changed from OE, ADTS to OE, OIRM (see preceding portion of digest), and the budget activity structure was changed (for budget comparability, 1983 data in tables is also presented on the basis of 1984 structure). Also in that year, GSA ADP systems support, became fully reimbursable to GSA users.

In November, 1985, OIRM was renamed IRMS by GSA Order ADM 5440.333.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT BUDGETARY ACTIVITIES

1. Federal Information Resources Management. This activity consists of four reimbursable programs. The Agency Liaison Officer Program is designed to enhance agencies' understanding of technological alternatives and regulatory requirements, and to promote more effective acquisition and application of information technology. The Trail Boss Program is an outgrowth of the Go-for-12 Study effort wherein the assignment of a single acquisition manager with responsibilities and accountability for all aspects of the acquisition will substantially improve the information technology acquisition process. Also, the Information Resources Management Conference covers the broad IRM policy and technology spectrum of ADP, telecommunications, and records management. Last, the Information Workforce Conference trains Federal information resources and personnel managers in the recruitment and retention of staff members in the data processing and telecommunications fields.

2. External Information Services. This activity consists of two reimbursable programs. The Federal Equipment Data Center operates an Automatic Data Processing Equipment Data System with a Government-wide inventory of general processing equipment. The Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Staff is responsible for publishing the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and the Formula Report to Congress, and for maintaining the Federal Assistance Program Retrieval System (FAPRS).

3. National Security Emergency Preparedness. This activity is a flow-through mechanism for GSA services and staff offices to provide support for GSA's National Security Emergency Preparedness Program.

4. GSA Information Systems. This activity provides on a reimbursable basis information processing, data communication, networking, and end-user technical support services for all GSA organizations that do not maintain full-time ADP staffs.

PROGRAM OBLIGATIONS BY BUDGET ACTIVITY
$(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Total	CD Warehousing	OE-TPUS
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE			
1955	6	-	6
1956	22	-	22
1957	37	-	37
1958	26	-	26
1959	28	-	28
1960	36	14	22

Year			OE-TCS
1961	42	15	27
1962	52	29	23
1963	51	30	21
1964	37	33	4
1965	38	38	-
1966	50	48	2
1967	58	29	29
1968	160	-	160
1969	151	-	151
1970	128	-	128
1971	42	-	42
1972	42	-	42

1973-1979 No reimbursable activity

AUTOMATED DATA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

	Total	Agency Liaison	Office Info. Systems	GSA Info. Systems
1980	8	8	-	-
1981	40	40	-	-
1982	240	35	205	-

OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Fiscal Year	Federal Info. Resources Mgmnt	Central Info Systems	Regional Info Systems	GSA Info Systems	Total Obligations
1983	262	413	543	2,696	3,914
1984	87	737	187	19,248	20,259

	Agency Liaison Officer Program	Office of Info Systems			
1985	27	1		19,850	19,878

INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Fiscal Year	Federal Info. Resources Mgmnt	Central Info Services	Natl Security Emergency Prep	GSA Info Systems	Total Obligations
1986	156	43	555	19,647	20,401
1987	141	35	735	22,330	23,241
1988	283	27	930	27,731	28,971
1989					
1990					
1991					
1992					
1993					
1994					

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Fiscal Year	Permanent Positions	Average Employment	Average GS Grade	Average GS Salary

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Fiscal Year	Permanent Positions	Average Employment	Average GS Grade	Average GS Salary
1955	2	1	4.5	$3,623
1956	7	4	8.0	$5,924
1957	8	6	7.8	$5,825
1958	6	4	7.7	$6,061
1959	6	4	8.5	$6,320
1960	6	6	7.3	$5,793
1961	8	6	8.1	$5,534
1962	8	6	9.6	$7,597
1963	6	6	9.7	$8,324
1964	5	4	9.4	$8,149
1965	4	4	9.5	$8,714
1966	5	5	9.6	$9,319

1967	7	7	7.9	$7,992
1968	19	16	8.7	$8,661
1969	19	15	8.2	$9,288
1970	13	11	8.7	$10,834
1971	4	3	8.3	$11,844
1972	4	3	8.3	$13,152

1973-1979 no reimbursable activity

AUTOMATED DATA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

1980	-	-	-	-
1981	-	-	-	-
1982	45	5	11.6	$31,897

OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

1983	67	49	(Average Grade/salary data no longer shown)
1984	298	298	
1985	256	256	
1986	241	237	

INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SERVICE

1987	241	222
1988	292	227
1989		
1990		
1991		
1992		
1993		
1994		